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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY

(S/S NO.7503339)

BONN PLEASE PASS ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

TO: THE SECRETARY

FROM: EUR - ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

YOUR PROPOSED PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY

CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY OF AUSTRIA RECENTLY INFORMED
AMBASSADOR HUMES THAT AUSTRIA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FOUR POWERS THAT SIGNED THE
STATE TREATY OF 1955 TO ATTEND A MAJOR CELEBRATION IN MAY,
COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACT.
KREISKY EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE US, SOVIET,
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BRITISH, AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD SERVE TO RECALL

THE FIRST MAJOR SUCCESS IN POSTWAR POLITICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN WEST AND EAST.

KREISKY HAS ALREADY RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT GROMYKO WOULD
BE WILLING TO ATTEND THIS CEREMONY, AND NOW WOULD LIKE TO

KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE BEFORE
INVITING YOUR BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES. ALTHOUGH MAY
15 HAS BEEN SET AS THE TENTATIVE DATE FOR THIS EVENT,
AMBASSADOR HUMES BELIEVES THAT THE AUSTRIANS WOULD BE
FLEXIBLE IN THE TIMING AND DURATION OF THE CELEBRATION IN
ORDER TO MEET YOUR DEMANDING SCHEDULE.

THERE ARE USEFUL POLITICAL BENEFITS TO BE GAINED THROUGH
YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT. THEREFORE I JOIN
AMBASSADOR HUMES IN RECOMMENDING THAT YOU ACCEPT KREISKY'S
INVITATION IF YOUR SCHEDULE CAN ACCOMMODATE A BRIEF VISIT

TO VIENNA IN MID-MAY. YOUR PRESENCE IN AUSTRIA WOULD
DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY OUR CLOSE, FRIENDLY BILATERAL
RELATIONS-- AND OUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR
THE WELL-BEING AND NEUTRALITY OF THIS STRATEGICALLY
LOCATED STATE. THIS OPPORTUNITY COULD ALSO BE UTILIZED TO
ATTRACT WORLD ATTENTION TO THE CONCRETE RESULTS THAT CAN
BE PRODUCED BY DETENTE.

RECOMMENDATION: 1. THAT YOU AGREE, AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE
AT THIS TIME, TO ACCEPT KREISKY'S INVITATION:

AGREE:

DISAGREE:

2. IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, THAT YOU ACCEPT THE
TENTATIVE DATE OF MAY 15:

AGREE:

DISAGREE:

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----IF MAY 15 IS NOT CONVENIENT,
----PREFERRED DATE:

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